

# More Comforts for the Local Fans

## AWARD FRANCHISES FOR U. S. LEAGUE

Hugh MacKinnon Is Named Washington Owner.

ONE MORE CITY IS NEEDED

Chicago's May Be Given Eighth Club Which Four Other Cities Want. League Will Ask Protection of Organized Powers, but Will Operate Regardless of Request.

New York, Jan. 4.—At a meeting of the United States Baseball League, at the Hotel Imperial to-night, franchises were awarded to the following cities and citizens:

New York, Charles White (the fight interest); Brooklyn, Anna W. Hunter, Jr.; Pittsburgh, William T. McCollough; and Capt. Marshall Henderson; Cincinnati, John J. Ryan (former assistant commissioner of New York); Washington, Hugh MacKinnon; Richmond, Va., E. C. Landgraf and J. J. Lammert; Reading, Pa., William A. Witman, who is president, secretary, and treasurer of the United States League.

According to the managers all that is now necessary to begin operation is the selection of an eighth club for the circuit and a judicious schedule. Grounds have been secured in all seven cities, and these are said to be better located than most of the big league or minor league plants now in operation.

President Witman left tonight to look over the situation in Chicago, and if the North Side of the Windy City lives up to its reputation as the Western metropolis, like New York, will have three "big league" clubs. New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Buffalo are all clamoring for the extra franchise. The circuit will be definitely settled at a meeting here within the next ten days. The managers declare they will ask the national commission for protection, but they know this will be denied. They intend to open shop, anyhow. Players under contract with professional clubs or organized ball will not be molested, but reserve clauses will not be observed. The intention is to hold vaudeville and motion picture in the parks at night. It is rumored that Tommy Lorch is ready to jump to the management of the Pittsburgh club.

## FRENCH PROTESTS OFFICIALS' RULINGS

Will Take Case to Registration Committee.

Secretary French, of the Washington Cross Country Club, has sent a formal protest to the games committee of the Baltimore Cross Country Club regarding the treatment accorded the Washington boys in the ten-mile run New Year's day in the Mountaineer Cup.

In his letter Secretary French lays the blame for the lack of credit given the local boys to the incompetency of the Baltimore officials, the clubmen in particular. In view of the fact that the incompetency was admitted, French is of the opinion that something can be done by the committee, and that the end in view will take the case first to the games committee, and if he is not given satisfaction, will take it to the registration committee, and then to the A. A. U. headquarters in New York.

The cross country club will enter its full quota of men in the South Atlantic cross country run to be held over the Hightstown course Washington's third year, and that they will do every effort to humble the Baltimore runners to a foregone conclusion. Coach Becker has been working the men regular, and from the showing of the late in Baltimore Monday, it looks as if the trophy will stay in this city this year.

## BASKET-BALL GAMES.

Double-header at Y. M. C. A. Tomorrow Night.

Double-header at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night between the Y. M. C. A. Regulars against the five from Ingersoll Memorial Church, and the Y. M. C. A. regulars against the Memorial Athletic Club's goal keepers.

The first game will start at 8 p. m., between the Memorial and the Stalwart. These two teams from previous indications are pretty evenly matched and a good contest should result. Line-up:

STALWART. MEMORIAL.  
Almond, R. F. McCall, R. G.  
Grove, R. F. McCall, R. G.  
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The second game will start at 9 p. m., and the contestants will be regulars against Ingersoll. The Ingersoll team has played splendid ball this season, and as a climax to the evening's entertainment this game should be hard to improve upon. Line-up:

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Hall, R. F. McCall, R. G.  
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The Washington Y. M. C. A. indoor basketball team plays West Branch in Baltimore Saturday night.

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The first game of the Scholastic League will be played this afternoon, when the Eastern High quint faces the five from Western in the boys' gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A.

To-night the Horvath and Carroll quint will battle at the Horvath Club, and the Class A of the Washington City Basketball League.

## BIG STADIUM PLANNED.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 4.—Structures costing half a million dollars and including a fireproof stadium with a capacity of not less than 50,000 seats are called for in the report submitted through the Yale alumni weekly to-night by the committee of twenty-one appointed by the alumni advisory board to design improved athletic facilities for Yale. Besides the stadium the committee asks for a gymnasium and a separate fireproof stand for the basketball field with a capacity of not less than 20,000 seats, and a new field gymnasium.

## Innovations Planned For Local Ball Park

Screen for Right-field Fence, Bleachers to Be Erected, and Front Row Grand Stand Seats to Be Reserved—Other Sports.

By WILLIAM PERT.

Following closely on the heels of the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Washington baseball club, the directors of the club held an important session at headquarters yesterday afternoon.

Owing to the absence of President Thomas C. Noyes, who is out of town, the election of officers was postponed until next Wednesday, when the directors will again meet and wind up its business for the year.

Several innovations are to be launched during the coming baseball season, which will add to the comfort and pleasure of the Capital fans.

The directors voted to reserve the first five rows all the way across in the lower and upper stands, and place the tickets at various downtown offices. The price for these seats will be \$1 each, instead of 75 cents as formerly. All remaining seats in both stands will cost the same as before—75 cents.

The directors figure that this seat innovation will meet with favor among the majority of the fans for the reason that the congestion at the park box office will be done away with to some extent, and that those wishing to remain at their business places until just before the game will be assured of a seat, as the postboard reservations will be placed on sale in various stores in new operation.

The 12 sections in both stands will embrace about 1,500 seats, and will in no manner obstruct the view of those who do not care to part with more than 75 cents.

The number of season passes has also been cut down. It was voted yesterday that a season pass book would only be given out to a person contributing 500 or more shares of stock. Formerly 100 shares of stock entitled the holder to a season pass. This will stop off quite a number of minor stockholders.

The directors further voted to order bleachers built in left centerfield; these stands will be of wood and seat 2,000 persons. The wooden fences will remain during the coming season, but will be removed after advertising, and the interior stands painted a dark green. Considerable discussion was made over the plan.

Speaking of the proposed game between Georgetown and Holy Cross, Jack said: "There is not a chance in the world for the Holy Cross team to play in here. They are going to be beaten."

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